

# Kentucky's Tobacco Use Statistics - Teens

## Cigarettes

- Current high school smoking decreased from 34% in 2002 to 28% in 2004.
- Lifetime cigarette use among high school students decreased from 69% in 2002 to 63% in 2004.

## Smokeless Tobacco

- Current smokeless tobacco use among high school students increased from 14% in 2002 to 15% in 2004.
- In 2004, smokeless tobacco use among male high school students was 24%, compared to 6% among females.
- From 2002 to 2004, lifetime smokeless tobacco use among high school students remained the same at 31%.

## Cigars

- From 2002 to 2004, current cigar smoking among high school students decreased from 17% to 15%.
- Lifetime cigar smoking among high school students also decreased over the two year period from 48% to 41%.

## Bidis

- Current bidi smoking among high school students decreased from 5% in 2002 to 4% in 2004.
- Lifetime bidi smoking among high school students remained the same from 2002 to 2004 at 7%.

## Any Tobacco

- Current use of any tobacco product among high school students decreased from 44% in 2002 to 38% in 2004.
- From 2002 to 2004, lifetime users of any tobacco in high school decreased from 76% to 69%.

## Quit Attempts

- From 2002 to 2004, the percentage of high school students who think they would be able to quit smoking remained the same at 69%.
- High school current smokers who attempted to quit at least once in the past 12 months increased from 58% in 2002 to 60% in 2004.
- The percentage of high school students who were current smokers and participated in a program to help them quit increased from 7% in 2002 to 8% in 2004.

## Access

- In 2002, high school current smokers were more likely to get their cigarettes by giving money to an older person to purchase them.
- In 2004, a higher percentage of high school current smokers purchased cigarettes for themselves in a store rather than get them from an older person or borrowing/bumming them from someone.



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## Secondhand Smoke

- From 2002 to 2004, the percentage of high school current smokers who were in a room with someone who was smoking within the past week decreased from 96% to 93%.
- Over the two years, the percentage of high school never smokers who were in a room with someone who was smoking within the past week decreased from 74% to 66%.
- The percentage of high school current smokers in 2004 who were riding in a car within the past week with someone who was smoking was 85%, compared to 88% in 2002.
- From 2002 to 2004, the percentage of high school never smokers who were riding in a car within the past week with someone who was smoking decreased from 45% to 42%.

## Perceptions and Attitudes Toward Tobacco Use

- From 2002 to 2004, the percentage of high school students who think young people who smoke have more friends increased from 19% to 21%.
- Over two years, the percentage of high school students who think smoking makes young people look cool decreased from 12% to 11%.
- In 2004, 94% of high school never smokers thought smoke from someone else's cigarette was harmful, compared to 88% of current smokers.
- Eighty-nine percent of high school never smokers believed people can get addicted to using tobacco just like they can get addicted to heroin or cocaine, compared to 83% of current smokers.
- Of high school students who never smoked, 5% thought it was safe to smoke for a year or two, as long as you quit after that, while 28% of current smokers believed it was safe.
- Ninety-three percent of high school never smokers thought young people risk harming themselves if they smoke between one and five cigarettes a day, compared to 86% of current smokers.

## Social Influences Impacting Tobacco Use

- From 2002 to 2004, the percentage of high school current smokers who lived with someone who currently smokes increased from 61% to 66%.
- Over two years, the percentage of high school never smokers who lived with someone who currently smoked increased from 38% to 40%.
- In 2004, 46% of high school current smokeless tobacco users lived with someone who currently used smokeless tobacco, which is an increase from 32% in 2002.
- From 2002 to 2004, the percentage of high school never smokeless tobacco users who lived with someone who currently used smokeless tobacco increased from 16% to 17%.
- In 2004, 89% of high school current smokers had one or more friends that smoked, which is a decrease from 91% in 2002.
- Over two years, high school never smokers who had one or more friends that currently smoked decreased from 44% to 41%.
- Current users of smokeless tobacco who had one or more friends that currently used remained the same (85%) from 2002 to 2004.
- Never smokeless tobacco users who had one or more friends that currently used increased from 29% to 31% from 2002 to 2004.

## Tobacco Dependence

- From 2002 to 2004, high school lifetime smokers who smoked their first cigarette before age 11 increased from 15% to 19%.
- High school lifetime smokers who have smoked 100 or more cigarettes decreased from 2002 to 2004 (from 39% to 35%).
- High school current smokers who feel like they need a cigarette every day remained the same from 2002 to 2004 at 48%.